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### Friday

WINDY

Sunny/Wind

High: 64  
Low: 41

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High: 54  
Low: 50

### Sunday

Showers/Wind

High: 57  
Low: 41

## Frawley Arrested



Katy Burnell/Bullet

By ELIZABETH NOWROUZ  
News Editor

UMW President William Frawley was arrested yesterday and charged with DUI and refusal to submit to a blood or breath test.

According to the official police report, the Fredericksburg police department received a 911 call at 1:40 p.m. from a female driver on the Chatham Bridge. The woman was following a male whom she described as driving recklessly. She also said that the front right tire and wheel of the car were missing.

Officers located the vehicle and pursued it until it stopped at Brompton House on Sunken Road.

Identification proved Frawley to be the driver and he was taken into custody under suspicion of DUI and later charged after refusing to submit to tests.

Officers reported that at the time of his arrest Frawley had a superficial head wound, and he was transported to Mary Washington Hospital for treatment at approximately 2:45 p.m. Police are unsure of how he sustained the head injury.

According to Natatia Bledsoe, the public information officer of the Fredericksburg Police Department, there was a rescue squad present at the Brompton House, but Frawley refused medical attention until after he had been charged.

"The arresting officer convinced him to go to the hospital," Bledsoe said.

In addition to a number of security personnel, several men were seen waiting outside of the Patient Entrance of the Emergency Room at Mary Washington Hospital.

Two of these men were identified as William Poole, the Rector for the UMW Board of Visitors, and Xavier Richardson. According to a UMW E-Newsletter sent out in Aug. 2006, Richardson is the Executive Vice President of Corporate Development and Community Affairs for the MedCorp Health Services and President of the Mary Washington Hos-

pital Foundation.

Poole later refused to comment on the situation or acknowledge his presence at the hospital.

According to Bledsoe, Frawley has been admitted to the hospital. Teresa Mannix at the University Relations Office has confirmed this, saying that Frawley is undergoing tests to determine the effects of his injury.

At the time that the paper went to print early Thursday morning, Mary Washington Hospital had no one admitted under the name William Frawley.

A statement was released to the UMW community by the University Relations Office at 5:04 p.m.

on Wednesday. It stated that Frawley was in a separate automobile accident on Tuesday in Northern Virginia and was admitted to Inova Fairfax Hospital.

"He insisted on leaving the hospital early in the morning, against advice," the statement said. "And returned to Fredericksburg."

The statement released to the community made no mention of the charges brought against Frawley.

"We don't dispute the charges," Mannix said. "We are waiting for the doctors to give details on his in-

jury."

According to Amy Anderson, a secretary in the Office of the President, Frawley was in the office briefly Wednesday morning.

"Any other information I'm not free to give," she said.

Mannix confirmed that Frawley was on campus on Wednesday morning before the second incident.

The University had little information about the first accident before the second incident occurred.

"We were trying to get more information [on the first incident] this morning," Mannix said. "But then we heard that he was on campus, so we thought 'It's not an issue. He's here.'"

Senior and SGA President Jay Sinha refused to

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Katy Burnell/Bullet

TOP: President Frawley's Toyota Camry remained at Brompton House after he was taken into custody.

ABOVE: A Detective with the city police takes evidence photos of the damage caused by Frawley's vehicle.

## SHH Wins 20K

By BRYNN BOYER  
Staff Writer

If a group of college students found out that they would be receiving \$20,000, typically their first thoughts might be of a new car, an expensive vacation, or several years worth of rent. They wouldn't be thinking of a 10-year-old Honduran girl named Carmen, sitting in her cardboard shack of a house wishing for a real home.

Unless, that is, the students were from Students Helping Honduras, a UMW group committed to helping 72 families in Siete de Abril, Honduras.

Because of \$20,000 won by Mary Washington in an online campaign called GrabLife GiveLife,

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## Life After 'You're Fired'

By ERICA JACKSON  
News Editor



Courtesy of Aaron Altscher

After a 5-episode stint on *The Apprentice*, 2004 alumnus Aaron Altscher offers advice to young success-seekers.

The day after University of Mary Washington graduate Aaron Altscher was fired from *The Apprentice: Los Angeles*, he wasn't sure what to do. So he posted his resume on Monster.com.

Days later, after receiving nearly 100 phone calls from "potential employers" eager to discuss his stint on the popular NBC reality show, the former UMW baseball star removed his resume from the Web site.

Although he refers to the Monster.com incident as "probably the biggest mistake I could have ever made," Altscher, 25, was much more positive about his *Apprentice* run.

"I have no regrets," he said. "I wouldn't have done it any differently. I got a chance to step up and sit beside Donald Trump in the boardroom. I got a chance to lead a team to a win. I got a chance to lead a team to a loss. I think I got the most out of my *Apprentice* experience. Time on the show is measured in quality, not quantity."

Altscher, who earned a business degree from MWC in 2004 and an

M.B.A. from CGPS in 2007, was the fifth contestant to be fired from the show, out of 18. After leading his team to victory in the previous two tasks, Altscher was held responsible for the team's loss in the fifth episode, which involved marketing Sue Bee honey.

"At the time, I felt like it was unjustified," he said. "After getting over that in one day, I was like, that was a pretty cool experience... We were put in situations where we were interacting not only with 17 of the most high-functioning young professionals in the country, but executives, CEO's and VP's of marketing of top-level companies in the U.S. It's very rare that you are put in that position more than once. Just being able to interact, talk shop and bounce ideas off of these people was really an incredible learning experience."

The show represents a turning point in Altscher's life as well. Upon his return from Los Angeles, he opted not to return to his previous job as a community sales manager for a Fortune 150 homebuilder.

"That was a huge decision I had to

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## Weekly Events

**Step It Up 2007**  
April 14 at 4:15 p.m.

Rally in front of the rock to urge Congress to cut carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050. This gathering will be followed with a march downtown for a rally coordinated by the Sierra Club at Harkamp Park followed by a party on the third floor of 810 Caroline St. Contact Amber Moore at amoor8cw@umw.edu.

**Terrapin Spring Water Show Sunday**  
April 15 at 4 p.m.

The UMW synchronized swim team will hold its annual spring water show in the Goolrick Pool, free of charge. For more information, contact Jessica Waldman at jwald4bs@umw.edu.

**S.O.U.P. Stock: A Day of Peace, Love, and Understanding**  
April 20, 4-8 p.m.

Student Organizations United for Progress, the newly formed coalition of progressive, liberal and radical clubs, will be hosting its first annual afternoon festival to celebrate progress and social justice in Ball Circle. There will be free music, free food, free crafts, and free expression. Bring your own T-shirt to tie-dye and decorate. Contact Brian Ogle at bogle@umw.edu

**Spring Formal**  
April 20, 9 p.m.

Spring Formal is back this year, but the location has not yet been announced due to school-enforced security reasons. Tickets cost \$30/single and \$50/couple, and only 300 tickets are available.

**Meningitis Vaccine Available**

The meningitis vaccine is available through the end of the semester. Contact the Health Center to make an appointment; the cost of the vaccine can be billed to EagleOne or student accounts.

Events courtesy of OSACS. If you would like your event listed, contact *The Bulletin* at newsxcrew@gmail.com

# President Gets DUI

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comment on the impact of the events on the student body.

"There is nothing I can say about the situation either as SGA president or as a student," Sinha said.

Within hours of the incident in Fredericksburg, television and Internet news feeds were reporting on the situation, including NBC 4, a television news station based in Washington, D.C., and *The Free Lance-Star*.

The official police report made no mention of the first incident in Northern Virginia.

Initial information stated that Frawley was given a \$1,500 secure bond, and that he would be taken to the Rappahannock Regional Jail upon leaving the hospital. But Bled-

soe later said that it was changed to a "personal recognizance bond," which means that the accused would be responsible for paying the amount only if they fail to appear in court.

"He will be released on his personal

recognizance, which means that he won't go to jail," Bledsoe said.

The Rector of the BOV and the top student leader refused to comment, but student opinions and responses have been clear. When the paper went to print, there were already nine Facebook groups about the incident, with titles ranging from "President Frawley, We Barely Knew Ye," to "My School's President Got A DUI."

"Doesn't it concern anyone else," said a post in a group on Wednesday night about the incident, "that our president was in an accident yesterday and no one thought it prudent to tell us until 5:41 today?"

Speculation has risen over Frawley's status at the University as the community awaits word on his condition.

"He is still the president," Manix said. "The [BOV] Rector is with him at the hospital and all of the vice presidents have banded together."

The doors of George Washington Hall, where Frawley's office is located, were locked as of 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening.



Katy Burnell/Bulletin

According to officials at the scene, Frawley drove 1.1 miles on his severely damaged car.

## UMW RESPONSE

"President Frawley's Health"

University of Mary Washington President William J. Frawley, was in an automobile accident yesterday in Northern Virginia and was admitted to Fairfax Inova Hospital. He insisted on leaving the hospital early in the morning, against advice, and returned to Fredericksburg. Earlier today, President Frawley was involved in another incident, the police were involved, and he is currently at Mary Washington Hospital for medical care.

sent via e-mail 4/11/07 at 5:04 p.m.

## Students' Votes Net \$20 K

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SHH is one step closer to fulfilling Carmen's wish.

The online contest, sponsored by Dodge, was made to reward the first nominated school to reach 20,000 votes a check for \$20,000 to be used for a charity at the school.

Sophomore Taylor Hall found the site over spring break and submitted the SHH Walkathon for the contest.

"I was just lucky enough to see something about a \$20,000 contest for students online," Hall said. "\$20,000 seemed like too much money to pass up, so long as it looked like the Walkathon could win."

After nominating the Walkathon, Hall encouraged students to vote in the contest, though in the beginning, the chances of Mary Washington winning seemed slim.

Brian Strider, an '06 graduate of UMW and member of SHH, at first wasn't sure if Mary Washington could compete against the approximately 25 other schools also in the competition.

"I didn't know if we could rally up that many people," Strider said. "There were a lot of bigger schools [than Mary Washington] that wanted to win too."

Senior Shin Fujiyama, President of SHH, also believed it wouldn't be easy for them to win.

"It was only a few of us voting in the beginning, maybe like 10 votes a day," Fujiyama said. "I told my friend Taylor Hall that we should just give up. I thought that there was no way we could do it but Taylor reminded me that we always put our lives behind what we do at SHH."

Instead of giving up, Fujiyama and other members of SHH decided to put everything into getting the whole

campus involved in the campaign.

He printed out over 5,000 fliers and distributed them around campus, in residence halls, academic buildings and at student events. Also, several students set up laptops at the Eagle's Nest to get other students to sign up for a GrabLife GiveLife account so they could vote.

However, the single most effective tool for SHH was Facebook, according to Fujiyama.

"We all created groups and invited our friends to them, asking them to vote everyday," he said. "Then our friends would ask their friends to vote. It was exponential."

Strider was banned from Facebook at one point for sending too many messages.

"I sent about 2,600 messages through Facebook about GrabLife, and then I got an e-mail from Facebook saying that I had exceeded the volume of messages allowed," he said.

Soon the word got out about the GrabLife GiveLife campaign, not only at UMW but around the country. SHH estimates that about 3,400 students were consistently voting every day, including students at William &

Mary, Virginia Tech, U.Va. and several local high schools.

"We made an intercollegiate pact that we would do whatever it takes to win this competition," Fujiyama said. "It felt like the entire state of Virginia began voting for Honduras."

After 19 days with the Walkathon

national contest.

Students Helping Honduras plans to apply the money toward their goal of \$100,000 - needed to build 72 houses in Honduras. The group will hold a Walkathon April 21 on the UMW campus to continue raising money for Carmen's wish of a real

house for her family and those like her.

Ultimately, Strider said that UMW students' initiative allowed them to win.

"I think our win was really due to our heart," he said. "We had fairly good response from campus."

Fujiyama agreed.

"Mary Washington isn't the biggest or the wealthiest school, but we can outdo any other university in the nation in one thing: uniting to help kids who need it most," he said.

GrabLife GiveLife will present SHH with the \$20,000 check at the Walkathon.

"We're expecting this to be the biggest event that Mary Washington students have ever organized in its history," Fujiyama said. "We're going to be heard across the nation."



Courtesy of Shin Fujiyama

Honduran children show their appreciation for the efforts of UMW students who have contributed to Students Helping Honduras.

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# Viewpoints

## Staff Editorial

Stephanie Tait  
Editor in Chief

President Frawley: arrested for a three-wheeled DUI early in the afternoon.

Everyone has read the front page story and read the online articles...maybe you've even heard it on the evening news. By the look of away messages and the recent outcropping of Facebook groups, it would seem that the student body is either taking this as a humorous addition to daily gossip or as a serious tarnish on the University's reputation.

The appropriate reaction is the latter. Not only has the recent arrest of our brand-spanking-new president a blemish on the reputation of the school, but it is also fodder for critics of Frawley and of UMW in general.

All lectures aside, there may be more to the story.

Frawley was involved in an accident earlier in the day on Wednesday

and it is safe to say that this has more than a little effect on the second incident. Maybe he was on medication from the first accident—he reportedly left a hospital in northern Virginia against medical advice.

Regardless as to why he was under the influence, he should not have been driving whether his impairment was medically induced or from alcohol. It is irresponsible and (as the three wheels show) dangerous for any person to be driving under any influence.

The result remains the same, the University of Mary Washington's president was arrested today. No amount of explanation or "what if" scenarios are going to be able to erase the fact that we are effectively a joke.

Lesson to be learned: do not operate heavy machinery under any influence, even if you are a president.

## Saving Grace

"Invisible Children" Brings To Light Children's Suffering

By CHELSEA  
NEWNAM  
Guest Columnist

"Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear and Grace my fears relieved. How precious did that Grace appear the hour I first believed."

"Amazing Grace" by John Newton

Grace, a beautiful and expressive young girl from Africa, hides her flawless smile.

One look at this dark face and one would never believe the scars she carries inside, from a past she will never be able to forget.

Her story begins at the age of ten, when she was abducted from her home in northern Uganda and made to fight as a soldier for the Lord's Resistance Army.

After being beaten daily for three years, at 13, she was forced to serve as a sex slave for a commander almost 40 years her senior.

Grace, just 13 and completely helpless, was made to lie down while the man repeatedly ravaged her frail and developing body.

Scared and alone, she somehow managed to escape—but not unscathed.

Gunshot wounds to the leg and back remind her of what she left behind, and a deeper hurt remained concealed inside.

Upon arriving at the rehabilitation center, Grace discovered that she was carrying the commander's child.

Though having a child under these circumstances was and is considered both emotionally and physically dangerous, Grace's faith and support she has received from missionaries around the world continues to encourage her.

Grace has named her baby Opoyo Rwot, which means "Thank God," as a testimony to her ability to forgive and, indeed, as true acclamation of her grace under the most horrible and difficult of circumstances.

The children of America fill their heads with



Courtesy invisiblechildren.com

thoughts of who they will play with tomorrow, what they will do at school and what video game they will convince their parents to buy. The children of northern Uganda think only of whether they will ever see tomorrow again.

So many people think that the conditions in Africa are unalterable because "this is how it has always been." But why?

Why must children like Grace suffer rape and abuse when our children eat popsicles and watch TV?

Invisible Children is an organization that provides these very questions.

In the spring of 2003, three young college filmmakers from southern California set out to find a story. This is what they found: children like Grace who daily fear for their very lives from the Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda.

We would like to share what we, amongst millions of youth from around the country, have been so moved and stirred by.

That is why, here at Mary Washington, we will be having a free screening of the "Invisible Children" film on April 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Great Hall.

The truth is that children like Grace do not have to live this way, and we can do something about it.

As the song suggests, my heart stands equally in fear and relief for Grace, because I know that there are ways that we can prevent this oppression from happening.

Please come out and support this event; no commitment is required, all we ask if for an ear willing to listen and heart willing to receive. This film will leave you forever changed.

Chelsea Newnam is a freshman.

## Change Outdated Housing Law

With On-Campus Housing Shortage, Students Need Off-Campus Options

By NATHAN GEER  
Guest Columnist

The city of Fredericksburg claims that it will be cracking down on college houses with too many people living in one house. How many is too many?

The answer is three if everyone is unrelated. This law was not intentionally made to weed out college students, it is simply an old law. However, this is being used to target college students.

If a house receives a notice of "overcrowding," the city of Fredericksburg also includes an informative pamphlet on why overcrowding is not a good thing. One reason it cites is: the spreading of infectious disease and another is that overcrowded houses are not a conducive environment for children to grow up in. I would completely agree with this logic if separate families were living in these houses, but they are not.

When this law is applied to college students, the city of Fredericksburg is essentially saying that four or five people in one house is too many. I

imagine that a majority of houses in Fredericksburg are capable of housing more than three adults without the rampant spread of infectious disease.

It doesn't take a lot of convincing for one to realize that the law is unfair, but what is a problem is how to go about changing it. I suggest that the University of Mary Washington take it upon itself to change the law. There are almost 200 students that do not have housing next year. Mary Washington simply does not have the room.

Students do feel passionately about this subject, but they do not have the means or time to lobby for change. Most of us are only here for four years, and we are registered voters in our hometowns. I imagine, however, that UMW does have some say in local politics. By changing this law, it would be much more economical for students to move off campus. If students do abide by this outdated law, rent prices are much more than the cost to live on campus. UMW could save its students some much unneeded stress.

Nathan Geer is a senior.

## I Wish I Wasn't Already Dead

By Austin Cobb and Will Brewster



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# Features

## Fredericksburg Gets Fintastic

By **STEFANIE SKY**  
Assistant Features Editor

Something's fishy in downtown Fredericksburg and it's got everybody talking. What is it? It's fish!

According to the Friends of the Rappahannock River Web site, Fintastically Fredericks-

burg is a public art exhibit that can be observed this April through August 2007.

These aren't just any fish. They are larger than life-size models that artists have given free reign over, designing unique themes and personalities for each and every one.

Two years ago the streets were lined with cats and dogs, now the giant fiberglass sculptures of fish can be seen in front of certain stores in the downtown area throughout the summer months.

Friends of the Rappahannock, a non-profit environmental group that supports the river, and the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center helped start the fundraiser for the colorful display of aquatic life.

"After the big success we had two years ago with the cats and dogs we decided it was time for another event," said Sue Henderson, director of Fintastically Fredericksburg.

After coming up with the idea of fish as a design theme, both organizations called out for artists to help bring their idea to life.

"We had about sixty artists submit design ideas," Henderson said. "Then we went around looking for sponsors."

The sponsors for the fish are the different stores from the downtown area. They donated money which helped fund the artists in terms of supplies and hardware, and they got to choose which fish they would like displayed in front of their store.

Some of the fish were a perfect match, like the catfish that is

proudly displayed in front of The Cat's Closet located on Caroline St.

"It's a great mixture of non-profit organization and businesses where everyone gets to participate," Henderson said.

All in all there are 36 businesses that sponsored the large fish.

There are also 11 tabletop fish that will be shown Saturday, April 14 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library that were created by students from surrounding high schools.

And, just in case you might be wishing you could take one of these fish home as a life-long pet, there's an opportunity to do just that.

There will be an auction held on Aug. 25 in the market square located behind the Fredericksburg Museum.

"It will be a ticketed event with food, alcoholic beverages, non-alcoholic beverages," Henderson said. "Everyone will have a chance to bid."

All the proceeds following the auction will go to the Fredericksburg Area Museum as well as Friends of the Rappahannock.



Courtesy of [www.riverfriends.org](http://www.riverfriends.org)

Above, "Butterfly Fish" picture in front of Kybecca Wine & Gourmet.



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Above, "Riding a Wild Wave" pictured in front of Cullen Properties, Inc.

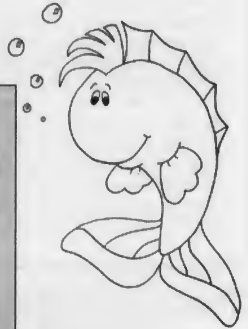
### Fintastic Events:

**April 14, 2-4 p.m.:** Whimsical Young Artists Opening at Central Rappahannock Regional Library.

**May 20-July 22:** Something's Fishy in Fishburg Scavenger Hunt.

**August 25:** Reelin' 'Em in Auction.

For more information visit:  
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## Speaker Prepares Students For The 'Real World'

By **ELIZABETH HILLGROVE**  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. 50 UMW students started taking their seats in Dodd auditorium, earning the classic request to fill the forward-most seats as they prepared to hear a speech about the un-pleasantness of the real world after graduation.

The mood was a bit apprehensive as Abby Wilner, co-author of the young adult's self-help book, *Quarterlife Crisis* and *The Quarterlifer's Companion*, began her speech.

"Thank you, friends of Kaya...who I assume I'm talking to," Wilner laughed.

Kaya Singleton, chairman of College Republicans, was an instigator in inviting Wilner to share post-grad-stress squashing tactics with UMW.

Along with College Republicans, NeW and the Association of Residence Halls and the Apartments' Hall Council raised funds to bring Wilner to UMW to speak about dating, relationships, finances, careers and the paralyzing stress/shock of graduating and entering the "real world."

Looking out into her audience, Wilner warned them that she was going to break some news about life to them that they may neither have heard nor want to hear about.

"The real world kind of sucks," Wilner said and her audience chuckled.

Wilner explained her own background and the typical background of grads fresh out of college.

Wilner said most grads move back in with mom and dad, most are not offered executive positions in big-shot companies and most feel like they have absolutely no clue how to get started on this "life" they have been studying for four years to begin.

Wilner coined the term "quarterlife crisis," a recognizable lyric from a popular John Mayer song, when she "graduated from

college, moved back home, and couldn't figure out what to do with her life," as *Quarterlife's* Web site says.

Wilner said, as a college student, she had not taken her thought process beyond graduation very often. She thought that by then, she might have a better idea of what she wanted to do, a common expectation of young adults. After holding her diploma in her hands and moving her boxes and suitcases back in to her mom and dad's house, Wilner still did not know what she wanted to do.

Wilner asked, "Isn't that why we all major in psych?"

Wilner, a Psychology major at Washington University in St. Louis, said that the hardest part of the real world for her was a lack of experience. Wilner also mentioned that no one had told her to expect the things that she learned concerning the way the world works.

Wilner spoke about networking, meeting people, talking about working and making friends with that one cubicle mate who slurps his or her coffee enough to make you visit the water cooler during his or her coffee breaks.

"The world isn't your oyster," Wilner said, an honest quirk in her speech. "The road to advancement and success is a lot more blurry."

Wilner read from her speech to the few dozen students ranging from freshmen to seniors, answering their questions at the end. Most questions provoked a Pepto-Bismol craving as the majority of them dealt with finances, debt, taxes and other grown-up number games. Wilner reassured where she could and advised where she knew most students were not aware of traps.

"Learn to accept and embrace the uncertainty of the future," Wilner said and concluded with a wish of good luck for the future.

"I guess now I'm thinking of my future more," UMW freshman Brian Cooney said of his reaction to Wilner's speech.

Though he knows he has some time still on the clock before he may hit Wilner's definition of the quarterlife crisis, Cooney keeps what she advised in mind.

"Graduation is still a long way away, but there's still a lot to think about," Cooney said.

After the speech, UMW sophomore Ali Meier, shared her thoughts.

"It's nice to hear stories from the other side of graduation, but most of what she said was common sense, or had little to do with what I personally want to do after I graduate," Meier said. Meier is an Art and Art History major with a love for Spain and the



Elizabeth Hillgrove/Bulletin

Abby Wilner, co-author of *Quarterlife Crisis* and *The Quarterlifer's Companion* addressed 50 UMW students in Dodd auditorium last Wednesday.

Spanish language.

Meier continued, "I asked her what her thoughts were on moving to another country after graduation, and she kind of just dismissed it completely by saying it involves a lot of paperwork. But what if I want to have a quarterlife crisis in a different language?"

Wilner focused, in both her books and her speech, on college graduates trying to break into the real world when all they may feel like is playing "dress up."

"Follow through with any ideas you have even if they seem improbable," Wilner said.

Check out the **Quarterlife Crisis** Web site for the books, resources and message boards with other young adults suffering from the same stress.  
[quarterlifecrisis.com](http://quarterlifecrisis.com)

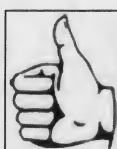
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# Step It Up For The Environment

By MEGAN GRIGORIAN  
Staff Writer

UMW senior Amber Moore plans to stand up for the environment in part of a national campaign to educate Americans on the effects of global warming.

As an intern for the Rappahannock Sierra Club, a section of a national environmental activist group, Moore will join other Fredericksburg residents at the Step It Up rally downtown this Saturday.

The rally will unite with the rest of the nation in chanting their slogan, "Step it up, Congress! Cut Carbon 80 percent by 2050."

Moore, a biology major, dove into the project, eager to call attention to the cause. Her main priority is encouraging student participation.

"I feel like the environment is such an important part of life," Moore said. "People don't really know how big a problem it is."

Step It Up 2007 joined forces with the National Day of Climate Action in order to spread the word about the danger of carbon emissions to the earth. The rally centers on their proposition to Congress to cut carbon 2 percent each year, reaching an overall 80 percent decrease by 2050.

In order to ensure a big turnout for the rally, Moore hit the student environmental hot spots, including the biology and ecology clubs, facebook and the Mary Washington Young Democrats.

The rally is divided into three parts. First, participants will gather at the rock by the campus center at 4:30 p.m. Then the group will walk down to Harkamp Park, where there will be informational tables with speakers and pamphlets to further explain Step It Up's goals. Finally, the group will join other rallyers on the third floor of 810 Caroline St. for the event at 6:30 p.m.

"We're trying from the grass roots level to

get Congress's attention onto global warming and to show that we really care about this," Moore said.

Although this is Step It Up's first year, it has generated support in all 50 states. There will be 1309 rallies across the country this Saturday, including the largest one of thousands in New York City.

According to Step It Up's official Web site, people of all different generations and backgrounds will be

campus," Whitfield said, "As well as area adults, children and families participating together in this event, becoming energized when they realize that each of them can make a difference."

Both Whitfield and Moore agree that the rally could not come at a better time.

"Scientists say if we don't do something in the next 10 years, the effects will be

irreversible," Moore said.

According to Whitfield, a UMW alumnus, on April 6, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate

Bill McKibben, environmentalist and current scholar-in-residence at Middlebury College, created the idea for the rally in an effort to compel people to take global warming more seriously. In a letter to participants of Step It Up he wrote, "No half measures, no easy compromises—the time has come to take the real actions that can stabilize our climate."

Step It Up kicks off the Rappahannock Sierra Club's two-week Earth Day celebration. To go along with the club's theme "explore, enjoy and protect the planet," they will sponsor activities such as a six mile hike at Caledon State Park, a picnic at Alum Spring Park and environmental exhibits.

Whitfield said the importance of student involvement with these projects remains crucial.

"Having student involvement in events and issues is one of the more important and enjoyable aspects of our group's outreach," she said. "Learning from UMW students building a strong partnership with ecology leaders and members is invaluable."

Step It Up will feature speakers, a video booth allowing people to leave messages to Virginia lawmakers that will be sent and posted online, as well as performances by bands such as Junk Science, Rocky's Revival, the Byzantines and Carlos, I'm Pregnant.

Although all the preparation is leading to a smooth rally, Whitfield is hoping for a little help from the weather to make the event successful.

"I'm hoping for a sunny day to add to the enjoyment of stepping-up," Whitfield said.

participating, from scuba divers in Key West to senior citizens in Ohio.

Doris Whitfield, a member of the Rappahannock Sierra Club, hopes for a huge crowd to show support for the cause.

"I would like to see a great deal of interest and participation on

Change announced their "bleakest" calculation yet, predicting the long-term effects of global warming to be devastating to millions unless immediate action is taken.

The millions affected will be in the poorest sector of the population when basic natural resources needed to survive will be gone.

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## You're Killin' Me

### A Column for the Misanthropes of UMW

By SARA BYRD  
Guest Writer

**The World is not ending. Penguins will live; polar bears will not drown. Get over it.**

It amazes me that an "educated" society can continue to buy in, and thus, validate claims by a man who asserted himself "Inventor of the Internet."

Shall we take a small gander into the life of your precious spokesman—the Almighty One? Al Gore's mansion, pleasantly landscaped in Belle Meade, a posh Nashville suburb, consumes 20 times more than the average

American household, as reported by the Tennessee Center for Policy Research. The Nashville Electric Service reports showed that in 2006 (the same year he won an Oscar for his "Inconvenient Truth"), a monthly electricity bill averaged a steaming \$1,359. Interestingly enough, the same records show that his monthly energy consumption increased from a 16,200 kWh per month in 2005 to 18,414 kWh per month in 2006. Of course, Gore's Natural Gas bills are mere pennies, comparatively speaking, registering an average of \$536 a month for his main house and only \$525 for his pool house.

By this point, you are either screaming my name into a thousand profanity-stricken phrases, asking how I can blatantly disregard the importance of our Earth's (and chil-

dren's) grand future, or maybe you've already shredded the paper with all the adolescent green peace angst you could muster—coolly tossing it into the nearest recycling bin and walking away with the comfort that at least you care.

Both Time Magazine and Newsweek ran a plethora of articles, including several cover story issues on the pertinent issue of "global cooling." The June 24, 1974 edition of Time Magazine stated that without due conscience efforts to change our lifestyles, the planet could be heading for an aberrational global cooling. In other words, we would find ourselves amidst another Ice Age as early as three decades later—the year 2004.

Further, Mars, the planet most like ours in the solar system, has also reported gradual indications of global warming—yet, we have yet to find the Martians zipping around

in their SUV's without emissions limits for their factories. Thus, an indication for the warming being one naturally induced. Think back to your eighth grade science class when we learned about stars. What do they do? THEY BURN OUT. As the two closest planets to the sun, it is a logical conclusion that as the increase in solar irradiance far outweighs man-made greenhouse warmings.

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## Blades Skates to Box Office Gold

By JENICA SEMLER  
Staff Writer

A star-spangled cast and the ease in which professional figure skating is ridiculed work together in "Blades of Glory" to make a movie sharp as steel.

The humor is lighthearted and satirical, delivered from the bad-ass sex addict, Chazz Michael Michaels (Will Ferrell), in a manner that's fast and cold, leaving women breathless.

Other times laughs come from the soft, long blonde-haired orphan-boy, Jimmy MacElroy (Jon Heder of "Napoleon Dynamite"), who floats around the ice in a peacock costume with a live bird inside.

The character development in the movie is on point. The combination of witty banter and physical comedy of Ferrell, in all his flabbiness as an ice skater, and his interaction with the prissy partner, Heder, is nothing short of classic.

Even the toughest of critics have had to acknowledge that despite a simplistic and fairly predictable premise, the movie is enjoyable.

When the two popular skating rivals tie for first place in the World Championships and brawl in front of the judges and audience on the pedestal, they are banned from males singles figure skating for life, and the story really begins.

Both stars are forced to move onto less fulfill-

ing jobs, the kind often seen on VH1's "Where Are They Now?"

Chazz works as a talking wizard in a kid's play on ice. The tragic turn of events has left him down-trodden and interested in only booze and the female forest elves.

His macho attitude pushes the envelope at times but within the bounds of the PG-13 rating. The ridiculous one-liners now characteristic

of Ferrell, are definitely present in this movie.

Meanwhile, Jimmy's talents are going to waste dealing with the obnoxious public, instead of his worshiping fans, in the shoe department of a sporting goods store.

However, he gets a surprise visit one day from his psychotic stalker, Hector (Nick Swardson), who breaks his restraining order to deliver a crucial loophole from the depths of the rule-book.

Apparently both of the banished men can still skate—but only in pairs. After dropping this helpful hint, Hector departs, reminding Jimmy, "I'm still gonna kill you someday."

Chazz and Jimmy do the logical thing by ac-

cepting these conditions in order to get back on the ice. But a team with such drastic disparities, and two males none the less, need serious coaching to overcome their differences.

A valiant Coach (Craig T. Nelson) takes on the job of training them with the help of Jesse (Romany Malco). The first thing he does is to force the two to room together.

The pair is eventually capable of training and working through their differences, but not without more outlandish competition between the couple and Jimmy getting dropped on the ice a few times.

Although the larger and more dominant Chazz Michael Michaels usually wins their bickering matches, it is in a fairly innocuous way.

One time, Chazz shows off his \$12,000 hair brush to Jimmy and says, "No exaggeration I could not love a human baby as much as I love this brush."

Then he proceeds to tell the jealous Jimmy that he can never use the brush but he may share his horse shampoo.

As the duo progresses and shifts their focus

into preparation for the competition and conquering such difficult and dangerous moves as the "Iron Lotus," a new rival appears on the scene... the three Van Waldenberg children.

Like Jimmy, they are orphans. Their parents were accomplished figure skaters who died in a car accident for which the youngest sister, Katie Van Waldenberg (Jenna Fischer of "The Office"), feels responsible.

Her siblings, Stranz and Fairchild Van Waldenberg, played by Will Arnett ("Arrested Development") and his wife Amy Poehler (co-anchor of "Saturday Night Live's" weekend update), never fail to take advantage of her guilt. The conniving siblings will go to any lengths, including hoaxes and criminal activity, to win the World Championships.

Along the way the charming Katie develops a subsidiary romantic relationship with Jimmy, which appears to be epitome of innocence and virtue. However, it is inevitable that her siblings will tamper with the relationship.

This figure skating satire was written by brothers Jeff and Craig Cox. Neither of them were previously well known in the industry and one was even employed at Starbucks at the time.

"Blades of Glory" was scooped up by Ben Stiller and Stuart Cornfield, Red Hour Films and was directed by Josh Gordon and Will Speck, the men best known for the Geico commercials with temperamental cavemen.

The tragic turn of events has left him down-trodden and interested in only booze and the female forest elves.

## Grindhouse Revives Hollywood History

By ANDY DRAKE  
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As I plunked down an obscenely high amount of money for my "Grindhouse" ticket, I didn't really know what I was getting into.

I mean, shouldn't movies at the very least make an attempt to look good? And for that matter, what is the film industry coming to if two of its most popular directors decide cheap and cheesy is the way to go?

The jury's still out on whether pulp filmmaking is about to stage a major comeback, but if "Grindhouse" is any indication of things to come, genre films are still alive, kicking and gory as ever.

The first movie of the double feature is Robert Rodriguez's "Planet Terror." If you've ever wondered what would happen if Bruce Willis and the Iraqi guy from "Lost" got in a fight over some chemical weapons, then now's your time to find out (hint: the answer involves hordes of zombies).

With its intentionally scratched up film stock, hackneyed plot and cheesy dialogue, "Planet Terror" is definitely the more authentically campy of the two. Rose McGowan receiving a prosthetic leg slash machine gun is only one of many ridiculously awesome things to happen in the film.

Ultimately, "Planet Terror" is probably the best we can expect from Rodriguez when he's working with his own material. If you discount the "Spy Kids" trilogy completely, his track record is still less than stellar.

That said, he's unmatched when it comes to filling the screen with bullets, babes and special effects that would gross out even the most hardened horror fan, and at the end of the day isn't that the



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only reason anyone should see a movie called "Planet Terror" in the first place?

Rodriguez's film also benefits from the mostly dialogue oriented writer/director would be able to handle duties on a full-fledged action flick. After "Kill Bill vol. 2," I wondered if he'd ever be able to go back.

Thankfully, "Death Proof" is an almost perfect blend of the director's talents, mixing awesome car chases with that special brand of dialogue that only Tarantino can provide. Although it's not quite as relentlessly violent as "Planet Terror," "Death

Proof" has at least one scene that made me far more scared of high speed collisions than those stupid driver's education movies ever could.

"Death Proof's" setup takes up well over half of the relatively short film, but chances are good you'll be so entertained by the dialogue that you won't even care.

For a while there, movies like "Dreamer" and "Sky High" made it easy to forget what a badass Kurt Russell can be. Thankfully, Tarantino is around to bring him back, just like he did for Travolta and to a lesser extent Robert Forster.

By giving the character of Stunt Man Mike a heavy dose of goofiness and vulnerability, Russell makes one of the most simultaneously badass and hilarious characters in recent history. Thankfully, the great characterization in the beginning doesn't do anything to diminish the mind blowingly awesome car chase/battle that finishes out the double feature.

What really makes "Grindhouse" work isn't necessarily the movies themselves, but rather the presentation as a whole.

From the moment the real previews end, "Grindhouse" takes the audience right back to the early 80s with even more "coming previews" of fake movies directed by some of horror's biggest names including Eli Roth ("Hostel") and Edgar Wright ("Shaun of the Dead").

These fake trailers are absolutely hilarious and made me wish these movies were actually being made instead of crappiest like "The Reaping" and "Shooter."

If you've got three and a half hours to spare, and a willingness to enjoy some seriously awesome camp, don't hesitate to go see "Grindhouse" and revel in a period of Hollywood history when movies were made to be entertaining, and didn't try to pander to the lowest common denominator.

## the Spotlight

By ALEX BEMISH  
Staff Writer

### Singles 45's and Under by Squeeze (1982)

#### What it is:

A singles compilation by British new wave/pop band Squeeze, most famous in America for being a "one hit wonder" (1982's "Tempted")

#### Why you should care:

Most people have heard the song "Tempted." Often you can find it on most 80s pop compilations, somewhere buried between Men in Hats' "The Safety Dance" and Men at Work's "Down Under." The opening is recognizable (where the singer talks about packing his suitcase) and the chorus has an anthem-like quality ("Tempted by the fruit of another..."), that it is hard to say that this isn't an effective pop song. Yet, within the context of this album, it was one of the last songs in a string of British hits, all of high quality.

One of the early British new-wave groups (along

with bands like XTC), Squeeze had been around since the mid-70s prior to having that big hit in the States. This collection primarily focuses on the period when they made their major singles (1978-1982). Some of the tracks sound dated, especially the first three, but that doesn't them any less fun for listening.

Unfortunately, not much else can be said about this album. There are no deep, meaningful lyrics here. "Up the Junction" is the closest, with a singsong set of rhymes that focus on the deterioration of a marriage, but the rest are focused on the lighter side of romance. Often this is done through a particularly British viewpoint (the band seemed more focused on having hits at home), so it may seem strange to those not familiar with British slang. "Cool for Cats," "Slap and Tickle," and "Pulling Mussels (from the Shell)" would all be prime examples of this.

Despite the lack of serious depth and the Anglo-centric nature of the music, the key is just to sit back and have fun with it. The whole package is only 44 minutes long, but it all goes by in a flash (only "Black Coffee in Bed" seems to drag). Chances are you can find it at any store selling used CDs. If you can get it for cheap, I would most definitely recommend it.

#### Who would like it?

Definitely for those who enjoy early New Wave artists like XTC, Joe Jackson, or Elvis Costello (who was the producer on several of these songs).



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### The Sklar Brothers TONIGHT

You've seen them on Best Week Ever, Battlebots, Grey's Anatomy, Becker... they've even had their own show on MTV (Apartment 2F) and starred in a half-hour comedy special on Comedy Central. Free in the Great Hall at 9 p.m.

### Josh Gracin coming to UMW

The former American Idol contestant will bring his country music stylings to the Great Hall on April 18th. Tickets are on sale until the day of the show outside of the Eagles Nest and online at [mwc.musictoday.com](http://mwc.musictoday.com).



# Top Five Things I Still Don't Understand About UMW As A Graduating Senior

By ZACH BOWMAN  
Staff Writer

## 5. The Meal Equivalence

Maybe I'm just obtuse, but it would seem to make sense that my dollar bills would be worth the same amount in one place as they would 500 yards down campus walk. Is there some sort of exchange rate that I just don't know about? Does The Nest deal in American dollars and Seaco deal in the Thai Bhat? Is that why for one meal I can barely get a yogurt and a tea at one place and enough hamburgers to make the Hamburglar vomit in another? This is the least of many great UMW mysteries.

## 4. Clocks

Why is this campus so obsessed with clocks but not the time they keep? Walking from Jepson to Combs I pass 10 different clocks, each displaying a completely different time. In front of the Nest alone, four clocks read four different ways. Is this like the news rooms of olde (the 'e' means really)

where the many time pieces on the wall indicated a knowledge of other cultures and time zones? The homogeneity of our population would seem to negate this theory. I am happy to see we're taking steps to correct this problem in the classic Mary Wash way, by building 4 new clocks for \$2 million instead of just setting the old (sans 'e') ones.

## 3. Parking

I could beat on this dead horse until I kick the bucket myself, but the biggest mystery is the parking fields set up by the school. If we're all students, and we're all paying the same amount for a parking pass, why are we limited to what parts of campus we can park on? I'm fine with fac/staff parking areas, but what's the point herding students into color-sticker based corrals? Why don't we just have one decal or hang tag (transferable between vehicles? Blasphemy!) for all of campus? Oh, right, campus police need something to do other than leave their vehicles on campus walk and make sure doors are locked.

## 2. Advisors

Professors hate being advisors, students hate having to go to advising appointments, and in the end neither party benefits much from the advising session. What then, is the point?

It would seem to make much more sense to have a general, mandatory part of orientation (in place of Play Fair?) where incoming freshmen are taught about Banner, Gen Eds vs ATCs, and how to layout a successful schedule. My orientation registration experience felt something like a cattle drive, I was herded (is there a theme here?) from room to room where I was told to pick classes that I wanted to take but would never get into, and then forced to register for classes that I had no idea what they were or what they satisfied. Still, this seems to be the preferred method over educating kids on what's going on.

## 1. Why UMW Hates the Internet

I'll go ahead and set aside our painfully slow connection for now. What I'm curious about is why this school insists on doing everything on paper in a 9-5 fashion. Why, for example, must we pay our housing deposit in check or cash at Marye House? Why do we have to sit for hours on end at bills by cash or check at George Washington Hall? Why do we have to pay for parking passes by standing in line for an hour or more? I can buy a car, register it, and insure it online but I can't buy a parking pass for it?

This is just idiotic. In this wondrous age of technology, it would seem that all of these things could be done from the comfort of my room. Housing could be done just as registration is, you sign up for a room at a designated time, assigned based on credits through an online interface. The same could be said for any of the other examples I've given. The idea of doing all these things online isn't radical. It just makes sense.

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## Post 'Apprentice,' Alumnus Starts Over

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make that was really going to change the course of my life," he said. "I needed to determine whether I was going to go back to the life I'd left before I went on the show and continue the boring Fortune 500 corporate course, or move toward a more entrepreneurial type of lifestyle, which I had always wanted."

Altscher has taken on a number of projects since his time in L.A., including developing a production company with another contestant from the show. He is also giving a speaking tour as well as working on a book which he hopes to have published by spring of next year.

"The book will help bridge the gap between college graduation and successful young adulthood," he said. "It will offer insights to critical steps, required to gain independence and financial stability as a young adult."

Altscher's most recent project is an April 14 fashion show called Fashion for Paws, which will benefit the Washington Humane Society. All proceeds from the event will go directly to its Good Home Guarantee five-year plan, which promises to find a home for every adoptable dog and cat that enters the shelter by 2010.

While he is content with his new lifestyle, he admitted that it is sometimes challenging.

"So far it's been very difficult," he said. "In school and big business everything is structured and your job is mostly in an implementation role. When you're on your own, everything that happens has to stem from your ideas and execution, your ability to produce. It's far more satisfying."

Altscher believes that his well-roundedness helped him to stand out from other *Apprentice* hopefuls, and he credits that to the liberal arts education he earned at Mary Washington.

"I try to stay as well-rounded and diversified in as many different areas," he said. "That's kind of one thing that I took away from my UMW education. Being up to date and able to speak and perform and capitalize on opportunities in many different industries is so valuable."



Courtesy of Clint Olsen  
Altscher, '04, served as senior captain of the MWC baseball team.

While the competition on the show was considerable, Altscher said he did not feel intimidated.

"I went in there with a business degree from Mary Washington and a graduate degree from the James Monroe Center, and I was able to compete with people who had graduated from Harvard, UPenn, UCLA," he said. "I was pretty impressed with my preparation from Mary Washington. It was a valuable asset."

Altscher remains in daily contact with a number of contestants from the show.

"If nothing else, I made 17 great friends, and if you're going to have a network of people to do business with in the future, there's really no better network of young people," he

said. "The Donald," however, is one *Apprentice* personality who remains out of touch.

"He is a much different person outside of the boardroom and cameras. You never get one-on-one time with him, which was a little disappointing, but you can see that he has a level of respect for everyone that is involved with the show," he said, noting that Trump's children were also "surprisingly reliable."

Altscher learned a great deal about TV production during his time on the show, which he hopes will aid him in his efforts toward his own production company. He marveled that around 700 hours of footage are compressed into the 42 minute show, which explains why what is seen on TV is not always reflective of what is actually happening.

"Basically on TV I looked at myself like a TV character," he said. "I'd look at myself on there like, 'That's really not me, that's not what I do'... and I think most people felt the same way. It comes with the territory."

According to Altscher, character stereotyping is prevalent in reality television, whereby producers pick out one particular character trait and emphasize it "to the nth degree." He recognized that the cameras focused on his quietness. In the boardroom, Trump cited that trait as Altscher's ultimate downfall.

"I never thought of myself as a quiet guy, but when it comes down to it, I think I have more of a hands-off leadership approach," Altscher said.

While Altscher juggles his current projects and "keeps [his] options open," he divides his time between Baltimore and his "vacation home" in Fredericksburg, where he serves as co-chair of the Fredericksburg Area Builders Association's Sales and Marketing Council.

"I hate to say that I have a vacation home in Fredericksburg, but it's kind of my home away from home," he said, citing the peacefulness of the area.

Altscher will return to Los Angeles for *The Apprentice* finale, which will air live on April 22 at 10 p.m.

## April Celebrates Student Research

### New Course And Month-Long Event To Emphasize Research

By **BRITTANY DEVRIES**  
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In the midst of class registration in the past two weeks, students at the University of Mary Washington may have noticed a new class, URES 197, listed on Banner's course listings.

Beyond the current Individual Studies course that is offered to juniors and seniors, this new course provides UMW students a new option for conducting undergraduate research, where they may earn credit while assisting a professor's research project.

John T. Morello, associate vice president for academic affairs, has helped plan the new course.

"It provides [students] another opportunity for undergraduate research," Morello said. "They have an opportunity to see a project be published, and know that they've had a hand in it."

Once a faculty member decides to submit an application to develop a new URES project under his or her department heading, students then have the opportunity to apprentice for that project.

When URES 197 was still in the development process last semester, the committee also came across the idea to label the month of April as UMW's "Creativity and Research Month."

The Research and Creativity month collaborates many of UMW's yearly department symposia. The event's 10 person advisory committee also included an annual art exhibition, a speech contest, public presentations, a student research conference and a student research and creativity day in the month's calendar of activities.

Morello explained that emphasis on research is an important component to UMW.

"UMW emphasizes undergraduate research as a part of a student's experience at the University," Morello said. "We wanted to go beyond what we've already been doing, and get students to think a little differently. The idea was to go beyond what we've already been doing."

Many students are aware of the individual studies courses offered in UMW's present curriculum. With faculty member facilitation, upper level students doing an individual study choose their own topic and perform their own research project during a set amount of time.

The main difference with

URES 197 is that the courses are open to students of all levels. It is currently offered for elective credit only, earning two credits for each class, and can be repeated for a maximum of six credits, or three classes.

Freshman Neil Dixit was happy to hear that URES will give freshman and sophomores the opportunity to do research studies.

"I'd definitely be interested in taking that kind of course," Dixit said. "It is more beneficial to get involved with a professor. Professors have a lot of background with the topic."

Morello explained how the new course, which was approved by the URES advisory committee last fall, can be beneficial.

Senior Meghann Slattery agreed that the prestige of a professor's project over a student's

chance to present.

"Having this campus-wide, students in departments with no symposia have the opportunity to display their work," Morello said. "Hopefully more departments will get the idea to have their own symposium."

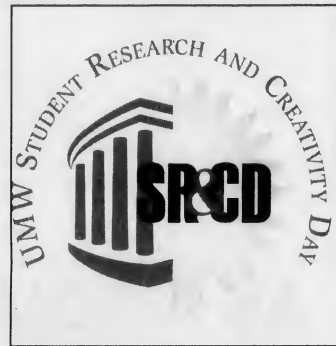
Morello also commented on bringing more awareness to campus events.

"Having these events campus-wide will make the campus more aware," he said.

Prospective students and the Board of Visitors are both planned to visit the campus on April 20, which gave the committee another reason for planning around that date.

Slattery agreed that having more campus publicity is a good idea for the departments, but said that how well students know the students presenting also affects attendance.

"People come when it is their friends that are presenting, or if they know the person," she said, "unless they are really interested in a topic."



potential research has its benefits, but said that the new course sounded a lot like what science majors are already doing.

"I did research with a chemistry professor last semester," Slattery said. "We were in charge, but it was research [the professor] wanted done."

While testing out the URES 197 course next fall, the new research and creativity month will be tested out next month as well.

Morello anticipates how the event will go during its first year.

"It depends if there is enough interest," Morello said. "We'll see what the costs are, in time and energy, to pull off something like this."

Morello explains that the research and creativity day, scheduled for April 20, will allow students whose majors do not have department symposia a

Dixit was enthusiastic about the schedule of events this April.

"It is a really good idea, for both the students presenting and the students attending," Dixit said. "It offers an exchange of a lot of ideas. I think it will get people to get out of their dorm and learning."

Morello explains that subgroups will be formed for the research and creativity day, to help coordinate projects, put the program together, and get the word out.

"Students and parents are encouraged to drop by," Morello said.

Research project availability for URES 197, and any required prerequisites, is at the discretion of the faculty member facilitating the project. All students who wish to enroll in a URES project must also receive instructor approval.

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"So it goes."



# Viewpoints

## Tiers To You, Kid!

By Tierney Plumb, Associate Editor

My first impression of police monitoring collegiate activities occurred at the University of Virginia, my junior year of high school.

A cop entered my sister's attic with a flashlight, and I immediately dropped my underage beer. "Relax, sis," Ashley said. "That's only Officer Steve. He's cool."

Five years later, I like to think I have followed in my sister's footsteps by forging a stable relationship with my own local authority figures.

As some of you migrate off campus next year, the connotation of a cop knocking on the door is a negative one.

Many assume cops arrive at house parties uninvited, but this is not the case. Rather, the law requires a call to be made by a neighbor voicing some sort of complaint. The culmination of my cop experiences have taught me that common sense plays a large part in preventing a permanent record in college.

### Guest List

Problems arise from those invitees who hear the word "cops" and frantically run for the halls.

The first party I threw at Greenbrier was busted and upon exit, a freshman dented the top of my neighbor's BMW and we were slapped with an eviction warning the next morning.

This was a far more serious matter than the cops writing us a noise violation—and rating guests' 80s attire on their way out.

### Urine My Law

Walking on the streets is a prime opportunity for cops in cars to intervene, so conceal all forms of liquid.

If all the streets and yards lining College Avenue were intended as public urinals, trees would be tipped for a sanitary purpose.

On the way home to Jefferson Hall, my friend foolishly popped a premature squat on Dandridge Street.

The monetary citation was embarrassing enough, but the crowd of Jefferson boys passing by was worse.



### Post-Bust Rush

My biggest stance against a blitzkrieg-like bust is it causes guests to drive drunk. Wait for a ride. Trust your judgment on this one.

I remember staring into a cop's flashlight through a window and watching everyone peel out of the house and into their cars like the field scene in "Dazed and Confused." Into the night they went—followed by exiting police.

I know a handful of people who have received DUIs at various locations in Fredericksburg.

For a 170-pound male, all it takes to surpass the 0.08 legal limit is four beers in an hour. A 135-pound female? Only three.

Attempting to navigate the narrow and one-way streets of downtown Fredericksburg on a couple drinks is a recipe for flashing lights. Usually cops pull you over for something minor—such as turning, weaving and erratic breaking—and breathalyzers come out when the officer observes one's appearance as they exit their car.

Opportunities to negotiate with the law can occur, however, in less serious scenarios. At my 21st birthday party last year, the officer took one look at the Aristocrat bottle protruding out of a watermelon and the rudimentary ice jug and started the evacuation process.

My negotiation skills from three years of college kicked in and I called the cop by his first name. "Steve, how about 25 percent of my friends stay?"

Longing for the friendly relationship my sister had with cops at UVA, I thought it would work. But unfortunately, a call had been made by a neighbor and the officer was simply doing his job.

The cause of the call? Not a noise violation—but an uninvited guest urinating on the lawn next door.

\*According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's study, "Detecting Drunk Drivers at Night"



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## Walk For Honduras Approaches

By SHIN FUJIYAMA  
Guest Columnist

As a senior, my time at the University of Mary Washington is drawing to a close. But it will not be over until I can go back to Honduras and tell 10-year-old Carmen that I kept my promise. My last semester in college is dedicated to Carmen and all the kids of Siete de Abril.

I met Carmen this past winter during my ninth journey to the refugee village in Honduras. She gave me oranges and drew pictures of her family for me. I noticed that she only had one shirt, a blue tank top with Clifford on it.

She worked all day selling oranges to help feed her three younger siblings while her parents were away looking for a job in the city. She never stopped smiling and always greeted us with hugs.

But the day before we left Honduras, I saw tears rolling down her cheeks. Carmen gave me a big hug and told me she had been homeless since Hurricane Mitch tore through her town nine years ago.

For nine years, she has been dreaming that one day her family and her friends in the village will have real homes. And all she asks for is a tin roof, cinderblock walls, a small bed and a blanket. Nothing else. Tonight will be no different from last

night in the second-poorest country in the western hemisphere; Carmen will be sleeping on the dirt floor with her siblings, hiding underneath a trash bag to avoid the rain water.

I promised Carmen from the bottom of my heart that I would do whatever it takes to make her dream come true. Today, I am facing the biggest challenge of my life; approximately \$200,000 is needed to build homes for all 72 families, at about \$2,800 each. I began helping children in Honduras two years ago. I spent days washing dishes at Seacobeck and collecting spare change to raise money for the kids. I was all alone, and bit my lips every time someone turned down a flyer or collection jar.

But today, I am no longer fighting this battle by myself. My friends, classmates, professors and everyone in the community are uniting for the kids. Last year, hundreds of students from UMW came out regain stability to a failing orphanage called Copryome. This year, thousands of students, faculty and families from all over Virginia will mobilize to help Carmen and her village.

Car washes, bake sales, yard sales, benefit concerts, pancake breakfasts—you name it—SHH members from different universities and high schools have been on top of it. They have written letters and e-mails, and have gone door-to-door seeking sponsors for the upcoming Walkathon of

## Sexclamations Love Glove

By Elz England, Staff Writer



I know that movies seldom reflect reality, but when I entered my high school sex ed class, I still expected to learn how to put a condom on a banana. I wasn't planning on having sex anytime soon, especially not with a banana, but how to use a condom effectively is instrumental in practicing safe sex.

Instead I learned about and viewed pictures of the terrifying diseases and infections that I would "in all likelihood" contract if I ever had sex. After a week of suppressing my gag reflex upon seeing slide after slide of gonorrhea or chlamydia and learning what happens during childbirth, I took of vow of celibacy from any sexual activity until death.

### Oops.

Point being: STDs and STIs are scary, but eventually we need to know how to use a condom, especially so that we can reduce our risk of getting those freaky little infections. For all of you sex veterans out there, even the decorated ones, don't stop reading just because you think you know everything there is to know. I'm writing this column for the novice and the seasoned connoisseur.

I know you're thinking: "how hard can it be to put on a condom? I mean they come with instructions! If I needed help, I'd look it up." True. But no one, upon losing their virginity, opens the box of condoms at that critical moment and says: "hold on one sec sweetheart, it's always better to read the manual first..." Talk about a mood killer.

Condoms 101: Always use the "blow test" or the "finger test." No, I'm not talking about foreplay here. This "test" is when you open a condom and blow into it to see which way it will go onto the penis. When you gently blow into the condom or gently push the center make sure the rolled up ring is on the outside. You may gently unroll it a little to make sure it's the correct side.

There is a right and a wrong way to put a condom on and unfortunately condoms don't have a neon "Wrong Way" sign. It is a common mistake for a guy (or helpful girl) to put the condom on the wrong way, realize it won't roll on, and then flip it over to put it on the correct way. Bad news: now the condom has sex fluid (and sperm) on outside which will be in the girl. This mistake reduces the effectiveness of the condom, so toss it in the waste bin and start over.

Secondly, make sure to hold the tip and leave room for the ejaculate, especially if you didn't buy reservoir tip condoms. (FYI, you should buy reservoir tipped condoms; they are safer.)

Finally, guys, after you're done, you need to hold the condom at the base (so it doesn't leak) and take it off while the penis is still erect. Whatever you do, don't finish earlier than your girl and keep going. The semen will slowly leak out of the condom, while you're still having sex and possibly impregnate your mate. There are other ways to finish the job. You can work on endurance later, but focus on avoiding pregnancy now.

Condoms 102: If you're a rookie, but trying to be safe, you might be baffled by the array of choices that the "incontinence" aisle at CVS offers. I've already gone over the reservoir tipped option which is safer. But, there are lubricated

and non-lubricated condoms. The general guideline is: use lubricated (or spermicidal lubricated) condoms for vaginal sex, use non-lubricated condoms for oral sex and use lubricated (but not spermicidal) for anal sex.

And yes, you should use a condom for oral sex, because STDs are still transferable and I can't imagine a worse place to get gonorrhea than the mouth or throat. Unless you and your partner are thoroughly tested on a regular basis and you're 100 percent positive the relationship is monogamous, then you should use protection for oral.

If you're engaging in anal sex because of your sexual orientation or in order to avoid the risk of pregnancy you should still know that anal sex is the one of the riskiest forms of sexual activity especially for HIV/AIDS. STDs and STIs can still spread through anal, so always use a condom.

Condoms 201: In addition to condoms you may employ lubrication to enhance the experience. But, you can only use a water-based lubricant such as KY or Astroglide. Oil based lubricants or any other foreign material, such as baby powder, Vaseline or lotion, can break down the material of the condom causing it to break or be ineffective.

Lubrication should be put on the outside of the condom. However, if you are a veteran and skilled condom user here is an experience enhancer: before unrolling the condom (after the "finger/blow test") put a tiny bit of lube into the inside tip of the condom. This act helps to enhance the feeling for the guy and mimics the moisture of non-condom sex.

So, ladies, if a guy tells you he hates using condoms because it doesn't feel as good, then make that little suggestion and if he doesn't oblige then employ one of the many corny condom phrases, e.g. "if you aren't going to shake it, go home and whack it." For most guys condom sex is better than no sex, so stick to your guns.

Guys who hate condoms: you would hate a monthly child support payment or treatment for herpes even more.

Condoms 202: This lesson is simple: there are a million types of condoms. Make a game out of safe sex by trying out every brand of condoms humanly possible with your partner. There are even glow-in-the-dark or "Mint Tingle" condoms.

To the sexually active guys and girls out there, you should always have condoms (and probably a water-based lube) near the bed, just in case. The question just remains: which kind? In my opinion if you've got the basics covered (reservoir tipped, lubricant etc.) the rest is a perception issue. For example, guys, busting out the "His Pleasure" condom says, "I'm a selfish lover," but having the "Her Pleasure" says, "I'm thinking of you." The reverse is also true.

Have a great week, stay safe and remember "Don't be a fool, wrap your tool."

April 26 is the last Sexclamations of the year. As per the tradition Betsy and I started last year, I would like the last column to be a collection of hilarious hook-up stories or sex poems. (I have already received a poem about the fictitious origin of sex.) Don't worry, these will all be anonymously published so you don't need to worry about a professor grading your exam while thinking about that time... E-mail me at elspethengland@yahoo.com, or drop an unsigned note into my box, 1799.

Hope. A hard-fought \$20,000 grant in late March from the GrabLife GiveLife online contest was a huge boost. I have given 40 speeches in the past four weeks at churches, on campus and in civic organizations asking for help. And our latest count: \$59,000. A record on its own, but not nearly enough.

However, just recently, Doris Buffett of the Sunshine Lady Foundation gave us an unparalleled opportunity by offering to double our amount to \$200,000, if we can raise \$100,000.

The Walkathon for Hope, scheduled to be held on campus walk on Sat., April 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. is our last and only chance. I cordially invite anyone of all backgrounds to come out to the five-mile hike. Participants are asked to seek donations from sponsors. Any group or individual that raises \$1,400 will have a home named after them. There will be free food, free barbecue, live bands, free drinks, raffle prizes and free massages. The College Republicans will be walking

alongside the Young Democrats, and the Islamic Students Association will be teaming up with the Campus Christian Community. The science professors will be right there with the English professors. The first goes on. For three hours that day, thousands of people will be leaving behind their differences to help the kids. Our goal is to raise the remaining \$41,000, together as a school.

We are currently accepting tax-deductible checks written out to "CCC-Village Fund" at 1213 Dandridge St., Fredericksburg, Va. 22401.

If we can unite the Mary Washington community, we can rebuild a community in a place as far away as Honduras. We are going to make history on April 21. Will you join us in this worthwhile effort? For more information, visit: studentshelpinghonduras.org.

Shin Fujiyama is a senior at the University of Mary Washington and is co-founder of Students Helping Honduras.



# Sports



Beth Wilkins/Bullet

Senior Tom McDermott waits for the pitch at Monday's game. The Eagle men topped the Southern Virginia University Knights 19-1.

## Eagle Men Topple Knights, 19-1

By STEPHANIE POTTER  
Sports Editor

For the University of Mary Washington's baseball program, victory is sweeter by the half dozen.

The Eagle men's victory over Salisbury University Wednesday night marked their sixth straight tally in the win column, bringing them 7-2 in CAC play.

The Eagle men, who boasted a 16-7-1 record and four straight victories prior to Monday's Southern Virginia University game, stepped onto the field with the determination to win.

After two scoreless innings, the Eagle men launched into a series of runs, scoring three in the third, three in the fourth and two in the fifth. This streak continued in the sixth inning, where the men scored six runs, followed by four runs in the seventh and one in the eighth. The men sent the Southern Virginia Knights home with a final score of 19-1.

Starting pitcher Nate Hartman, who threw seven no-hit innings for the Eagle men, allowed only one walk for the Knights before exiting the mound.

Despite this accomplishment, Hartman remained humble about his performance and focused on the team's progress.

"All I can say about the game is that we won it," he said. "I'm happy I pitched so well, but the seven no-hit innings really isn't a big deal for me. I'm more happy that we were able to win the game."

Senior pitcher Craig Miles and sophomore

pitcher Andrew Cox rounded off the game for Hartman with a combined two strikeouts, two hits and no earned runs in the two remaining innings.

Senior outfielder Mike Murphy is confident in the team's future performances.

"Going into championship week, our team just needs to stay consistent," he said.

"You are not going to win the conference if you only do one thing well every day. We need to pitch, hit and field at a high level day in and day out. If we do that, we'll be coming home with a championship."

Hartman echoed this sentiment.

"I really believe that right now our team is playing the best we've played all season. The pitchers are finally

throwing like we should have been all year, and our hitting has exploded over the last couple of games," he said. "Once we make it to regionals, anything can happen."

Despite any obstacles that may lie ahead, Murphy maintained that the Eagle men are a force to be reckoned with.

"Everyday our mindset as a team is to go out and play the way we are capable of. If we play our game, hit well, pitch well and field well then really isn't any team we play that can beat us," he said.

The Eagle men face off with Bridgewater College on Tuesday for their final home game.

“Once we make it into regionals, anything can happen.”

— Nate Hartman

## Eagle Soars High

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Symbolically, Garrett's participation in the traditionally male sport of pole vaulting is a positive move toward gender equality in sports.

The decathlon, an event strictly reserved for males, is gradually opening up to women participants, and the 2008 summer Olympiad will debut an experimental women's decathlon event.

Although Garrett does not participate in these events, she does amuse herself with triathlons.

"[You] swim, bike, and run – in that order," she said of the event.

Beyond amusement, Garrett's high-flying escapades are not a mere fancy for her. They share a deep familial bond.

"Sports are a major part of my upbringing – my whole family is athletic," she said.

It is for this reason that her family attends most of the University's track and field events, supporting her record setting endeavors.

Garrott, who is considering a philosophy major, feels that Victor Hugo most aptly articulates her endeavors.

"A man is not idle because he is absorbed in thought. There is a visible labor and there is an invisible labor," he said.

Garrott undoubtedly engages in the visible labor in the realm of sports, but her invisible labor is also palpable with her outstanding grades.

In addition to pole vaulting, Garrott has recently picked up javelin, and runs the 200-meter when she is called upon to do so. She will be traveling with the track and field team to Grantham, Penn. on April 14 to attend the Messiah Invitational.

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# Sports

## Freshman Flies Solo Over High Expectations

By LUKE CUMBERLAND  
Staff Writer

With a rapid burst of energy, furious running, high-flung departure and flight, freshman Jen Garrett launches herself into UMW track and field history.

Garrott, who began her illustrious track and field career on the blacktop in elementary school, immersed herself in all things competitive, developing herself as an athlete in high school before furthering her career at UMW. Recently setting the record-breaking bar of 10'9" in pole vaulting, Garrott set herself a step above the rest and cemented her name in UMW history.

As a prospective student, Garrott was drawn to the University of Mary Washington's ideal location and historic background.

"It's a really nice campus," she said. "And I like the fact that it's between the historic district and Central Park."

It is this appealing juxtaposition of the commercial and colonial that certainly suited Garrott and UMW. She makes frequent trips downtown to examine its archaic structures for a Historic Preservation class, in addition to her quests and indulgences in Central Park's platonic commercial thrills.

However, it is with pole vaulting that Garrott's alliance rests.

"It's definitely one of the more dangerous, but technical events; you use pretty much every muscle in your body," she said.

The foundation for this routine is her regimen for track and field. Coupled with daily practice, Garrott lifts weights two to three times a week on her own in hopes to stay a head above the competition.

On top of this, Garrott boasts a resume that includes break dancing club, an honor contact for her hall council, and an outstanding academic career.



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athletic.

— Jen Garrett

Garrott's twin goals of remaining on the Dean's List and breaking her own pole vault record certainly vie for achievable goals during her promising athletic and academic career at UMW.

Garrott's pole vault coach, Marcus Tepaske, contends that hard work is what sets her apart from other athletes.

"She is very dedicated to her sport," he said. "She is at practice every day, sometimes even driving to Richmond to get a practice in on bad weather days."

Despite this dedication, Garrott encounters some

downfalls with being the only participant in her sport.

"It sucks to practice alone because you don't get breaks and you really have to push yourself," she said. "There's no inner team competition."

Once her illustrious spell at UMW comes to a close, Garrott hopes to move on to new frontiers, pursuing a television career or a law degree. These high expectations certainly translate to Garrott's everyday life, accounting for her high marks both in the classroom and on the track.

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Freshman Jen Garrett begins her sprint to the vault at a team practice. Garrott recently set the University of Mary Washington's pole vaulting record at 10'9".

## Saints March In, Defeat Eagle Men

By STEPHANIE POTTER  
Sports Editor

The University of Mary Washington's mens lacrosse team had more than bad weather to bring them down Wednesday in CAC action against Marymount University.

The Eagle men, who entered the game 5-7 this season and 11-3 in CAC play, stepped onto the field confident in the team's ability to tally another win. This confidence proved unfounded, however, as the men failed to net their first goal until the second quarter and, after a hard fought struggle to recover, fell to the Saint's 7-6.

Senior Marc D'Eredita reflected on the team's performance.

"I think we came out expecting to win," he said. "We have never lost to Marymount before, and we came out with the notion that we were going to step out on the field and win. They showed us in the first quarter that that wasn't true."

Head Coach Kurt Glaeser agreed.

"Marymount was ready to play and we weren't because of our schedule," he said. "They just wanted it more than we did."

Within the first 15 minutes of Wednesday's game, Marymount secured a 3-0 lead, adding an insurance goal in quarter two before allowing the Eagles to score their first goal.

Six minutes later, the Eagle men narrowed the Saint's lead 4-2 before dropping the proverbial ball

in quarter three. They were not able to secure another goal until the fourth quarter.

Glaeser noted the team's weakness.

"Our offense today; horrific would be a good way to describe it," he said. "They wanted it more than we did which is pretty easy since we didn't want to win it at all. Well maybe a few of us did."

Trailing 6-2 in the quarter's lead, the Eagle men cut their deficit to 5-3 off a goal from freshman Brian Meaney. Seconds later, D'Eredita scored two successive goals to narrow the margin 6-5. A final goal off sophomore Sean Brown with 1:10 left in the game brought the game to a close with a final score of 7-6, Marymount.

Glaeser was disappointed in the team's effort.

"The really sad thing is [the team's attitude] that 'It's okay,'" he said. "Too many of the guys on the team [think] that 'it's ok to come out and not play well.' We played hard in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to make the game. We just didn't play for four quarters."

Despite the loss, D'Eredita remained optimistic about the team's future performance.

"We wanted to be in the top part of the bracket, and we still have one more game to go. We definitely need to take it to York, and we want to go into the tournament with a win," he said. "This is a bad game of lacrosse."

The Eagle men travel to York College Saturday for the CAC Tournament's first round.



Elizabeth Hillgrove/Bullet

Goalie Eric Everitt throws the ball to a teammate during Wednesday's game.

### Upcoming Events

April 14 - Baseball vs. Salisbury University, 1 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse vs. St. Mary's College, 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. Elizabethtown College, 10 a.m.  
vs. Goucher College, 1 p.m.

